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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel [redacted]
Captain [redacted]
Colonel [redacted]

SUBJECT: Military Attaches *ck*

1. ORE is greatly concerned because it has heard that the Office of the Secretary of Defense is reducing the number of military, naval, and air attaches abroad. It is understood that instead of one of each being at the large embassies, there will be only one "Defense Attaché" and that some smaller places will not be covered at all.
2. Will you get together to find out what's what on this score, presumably from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
3. ORE is particularly concerned about the places where this reduction will occur, to what extent, what coverage will be missing entirely, and what coverage will be reduced from two or three collectors to one.
4. ORE hopes that IAC action will be taken to protest this decrease in collection coverage, but I believe this is already too far advanced to have sanguine opposition about such action being effective. *Hopes*

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PRESCOTT CHILDS, Chief
Coordination, Operations,
and Policy Staff

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cc: DCI
Mr. [redacted] ORE

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